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In re Application of:

BOOTH ET AL.

Serial No. **09/966,326**

Filed: **September 28, 2001**

For: **INTERACTIVE SYSTEM FOR MANAGING
AND REMOTELY CONNECTING
CUSTOMER UTILITY LOADS**

Art Unit: **2643**

Examiner: **George Eng**

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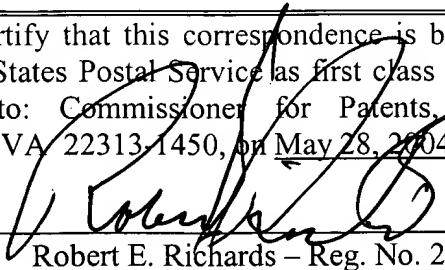
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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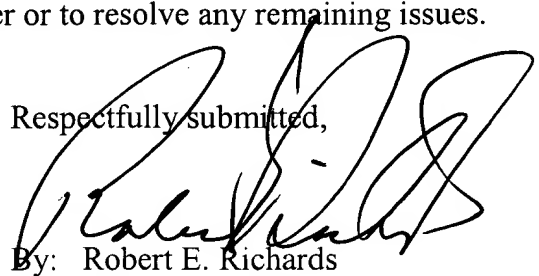
In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution in this original application the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-30 and 41-60 (drawn to a remote interactive system for managing customer utility loads), subject to the right to prosecute the subject matter of non-elected claims and/or withdrawn Group II, Claims 31-40 (drawn to a web-based utility application offering selectable services for a customer utility load), in a divisional application or otherwise, without prejudice or disclaimer. Action on the merits of the elected Claims 1-30 and 41-60 is respectfully requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 28, 2004.


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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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